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COUNTY SEAT NEWS

By Special Correspondent

An order has been issued by the health officer that all public meeting places shall be closed owing to the influenza which seems to be on the increase both in town and in the surrounding country.

The Red Cross roll call for 1919 memberships will not take place this week as planned but because of the influenza it is postponed until sometime in January, when a house to house canvass will be made. It is also planned to have a booth at some convenient place in the business section where volunteer memberships will be taken the week of the canvass. During the time the ban is on, volunteer memberships will be taken at headquarters and at the residence of the president, Mrs. Charles Barrone. Work will be continued at the Red Cross work room while the ban is on, but those with severe colds or those not feeling well are requested as a precautionary measure not to come to sew. Masks are kept on hand and may be used while at the work room. There is still a large amount of sewing to be done and more workers are needed.

Mrs. J. H. Hodges and Miss Gertrude Bronson and a number of others were shocked and severely burned when they turned on lights in their homes Friday morning. Wires being crossed was the cause. Miss Bronson and Mrs. Hodges were knocked down by the shock and were the most severely burned.

Mrs. F. P. Hoffman was in North Star Friday and spent the day with her mother, Mrs. George Smith.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Veri C. Anway, 20, Alma, and Edna Urschel, 18, Alma; Chas. H. Blanchard, 63, New Haven township and Lena Lynch, 57, North Shade.

The Sowers Aid society from east of Ithaca was entertained Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. B. Gardner.

John Kelly, A. E. Osmer and sons, Kenneth and Frederick, were recent guests at the home of George Lanphere.

A marriage license has been given to Lambert Myers, 21, Wheeler, and Mae Spiker, of Breckenridge.

The campaign recently started for the procuring of statistics upon the actual sale of War Savings and Thrift stamps in Gratiot county is resulting in the redemption of pledges generally throughout the county. Few pledges remain unpaid at the present time. Unpaid pledges may be redeemed any time during the present month. A failure to respond will necessitate a checking of all the records of banks and post offices throughout the county in order that the war board may furnish to the government the information as to the actual amount sold. This will be done in the very near future after which delinquents will be called upon to redeem their pledges.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilkinson and guest, Mrs. Thomas Adams of Spokane, Wash., spent the first of the week with Mrs. Wilkinson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gardner of Maple Rapids.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid society were entertained Wednesday by Mrs. James Crawford and Mrs. Willard Hill at the home of the latter, corner of Prospect st. and Maple st. Luncheon was served.

Mrs. A. E. Ewing has returned from spending about three weeks in St. Johns at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Soule.

James Spake of Litchfield came recently to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Alva Donley.

Influenza following pneumonia caused the death of Mrs. Dora Watson at the home of her father, James Fry, west of Ithaca, in Arcadia township, Sunday night. Mrs. Watson was but 23 years of age. Her husband died a few months ago and the first of last October she came to live with her parents. Tuesday morning the body was taken to Bradner, Ohio, for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. James Partridge of Flint came to attend the funeral of their niece, Miss Esther Lewis, Monday afternoon.

Joseph H. Franklin of Alma and Mrs. Pearl Hill of Edmore were married at the M. E. parsonage, Monday. The ring ceremony was read by A. A. Stephens. They will reside in Alma.

Elmer Heath left Tuesday for Dowagiac to attend a business meeting of the firm for which he travels.

Harold Broughton, who was home on a furlough, has returned to Camp Greenleaf, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yost have returned from visiting relatives in Ohio.

Charles Putt of Toledo was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Lanphere.

Mrs. J. P. King, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Isenman of Detroit, has returned home.

Members of the M. E. church met with Mrs. F. P. Hoffman Wednesday afternoon to sew for needy families.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gorham are moving to Mt. Pleasant.

M. and Mrs. Tracy are entertaining their daughter, a Murray of Chicago, until after the holidays.

Miss Myrtle Bennett is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. James Crawford.

Miss Bennett is enroute to her home in Traverse City from Cincinnati, where she is a student in the Conservatory of Music. Schools are closed here because of the influenza epidemic and will not be reopened until after the holidays.

The Standard Bearers met Tuesday evening with Miss Edna Thomas.

Few Escape
There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

Teach Children Correct Speech.
After all, the best place to carry on a campaign for better speech is right in the home with the little circle that three times a day gathers about the dining room table, or perhaps it is only the kitchen table. It makes no difference, and the same little circle which in the evening gathers about the hearth. For it is the speech which we hear about us at home that clings to us through life.—Exchange.

REMOVAL

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